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TUNG Tzu-hui, Vice Chairman of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee, reported to a regular meeting of the Committee that the Chinese Communist Army had been assigned the following three tasks by the Central Government:

- a. The Army is to drive the Americans out of Korea. The Government is confident of success in this. Chinese troops have received the warm support of the Koreans. Chinese patriotic sentiment is greater now than it was against the Japanese. Fear that intervention by the Chinese in Korea would lead to a world war with China standing alone is unfounded; the USSR has given a guarantee that if war comes to the border of China, the mutual assistance pact will come into effect and the Soviets will abide by their obligation.
- b. The Army is to "liberate" Taiwan. Inadequate preparation, lack of air and naval strength, and "American intervention" in Taiwan prevented a campaign in 1950. Now Soviet technical assistance has stimulated surprising progress in naval and air forces, particularly after the start of the Korean war. The Chinese Communists can put 10,000 sea-going vessels into operation; they have an excellent air force of the Soviet type. The Army estimates that the Nationalists have only 200,000 ground troops, 200 aircraft, and 12 naval ships operational at sea. The Chinese Communist air and naval strength will increase considerably in the next few months.
- c. The Army is to mop up guerrillas. The Government views the guerrilla problem with especial concern and orders the elimination of all guerrillas before the summer of 1951. In Central and South China the problem is most serious in western Hunan, in Kwangtung and in Kwangsi. Field army units, military district forces, and local militia are now being concentrated in certain areas to eliminate guerrillas.

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